

TRUMP-INCITED MOB ATTACKS THE CAPITOL

As president's allies in Congress take last stab at overturning election, protesters bring chaos



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After President Trump spoke to his supporters, they headed for the Capitol, where some scaled the west wall and pounded on entrances.



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It was an unimaginable sight inside, as the mob marched through the building.

They've played with fire, and we all get burned

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COMMENTARY

Of course it came to this. Wednesday was one of the most shameful days in this nation's history — one that was as inevitable as it was frightening. What we saw on Capitol Hill was an attempted coup by a dangerous president and an unscrupulous, deluded, and entirely too-large fragment of his following — incited to violence by his words and example. This ramshackle but real attempt at insurrection was enabled by the president's soulless and despicable allies in Congress, some of whom believe they can ride the wild monster they've unleashed to the Republican nomination in 2024. Almost as incredible as the act itself was the slow-walk law enforcement response, with overwhelmed Capitol police seemingly left to

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In the House gallery, some people sheltered in place as the threat started to become clear.

- **Democrats call for Trump to be removed.** **A12.**
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- **World leaders stunned by the violence.** **A12.**

'A dark moment' for country, Biden says

By Michael D. Shear and Jim Tankersley
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WASHINGTON — President-elect Joe Biden denounced the storming of the Capitol on Wednesday as the violent expression of President Trump's refusal to accept defeat, calling it "an assault on the citadel of liberty" and saying the president had stoked the mob with his brazen and false claims that the election had been stolen.

In direct, forceful language, Biden called the scenes of chaos in the halls of Congress "a dark moment" in the nation's history, appealed for calm, and made clear that he held Trump accountable for instigating violence that left members of both parties and allies around the world appalled. "At their best, the words of a president can inspire. At their worst, they can incite," Biden said. "This is not dissent," the president-

elect said in remarks from Delaware as scenes of the armed takeover of the Capitol played out on television screens. "It's disorder. It's chaos. It borders on sedition, and it must end now." The day had started as one of triumph for Biden and his party, with Democrats coming off elections the day before that sealed control of the Senate by picking up two seats in Georgia and Congress scheduled to

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Democrats win but Trump lie endures in Ga.

Victories change control of Senate even as many GOP voters still see fraud in presidential election

By Jess Bidgood
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KENNESAW, Ga. — As Wednesday dawned, Republicans in this state assessed the wreckage of their party's failure in the Georgia Senate races, in which Democrat Raphael Warnock was declared the winner over Republican Kelly Loeffler, and Democrat Jon Ossoff defeated Republican David Perdue. It was a stunning double loss that will give Democrats unified control of the House, the Senate and the White House after

Joe Biden is sworn in as president on Jan. 20. Then the spotlight swung to Washington, D.C., to the violent takeover of the US Capitol by rioters consumed by the fantasy that the 2020 election was stolen from President Trump. But attention to the images of the mob shattering windows in the Capitol, scaling its walls, and roaming its corridors, could overshadow a dark truth about America in 2021, one that was clear as Republicans in Georgia

went to the polls the day before. A key belief that fueled the insurrection on Wednesday — the unyielding commitment to the lie that massive voter fraud cost Trump the election — is not only the provenance of the mob that occupied the building where this country makes its laws. It has become a widely accepted orthodoxy in the Republican Party, fostered by top officials and held not just by fringe extremists but rank-and-file voters who live everywhere from rural to urban America — a fact that will pose a grave risk to the fabric of American democracy long after the Capitol was cleared. "I have written letters to my congressman

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Better days ahead
Thursday: Sunny, seasonable. High 39-44. Low 25-30.
Friday: More of the same. High 36-41. Low 24-29.
High tide: 5:16 a.m., 5:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:13 Sunset: 4:28
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Hours after a marathon session to complete its term, the Legislature was back for a swearing-in ceremony. **B1.**
A man fatally shot by Newton police had attacked them with a knife and a fire extinguisher, said the Middlesex district attorney. **B1.**
The White House is bidding to undo some civil rights protections for people of color, which could have a ripple effect on others. **A2.**
A local doctor warned about allergic reactions after getting a COVID vaccine. **B1.**